

ATTIC LE/MOUT Lead General Status Report

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Background

In March of 2001, Dave Grow, PM-ITTS and leader of the ATTIC team contacted me. At that time, Mr. Grow informed me of the purpose of Army Test & Training Investment Conference (ATTIC) and suggested that there was an opportunity and role for the civilian law enforcement community. Further, there was the general perception that several Army urban operations have similarities to the law enforcement mission. Many of today's military deployments are "Peacekeeping" assignments as opposed to warfare. Law enforcement professionals perform daily "Peacekeeping" operations. It makes sense that they have knowledge and experience that would be of value for the Army. While efforts are on-going to integrate testing and training as efficiently as possible, now is the perfect time to tap into this civilian police resource.

Additionally, upon attending the ATTIC2001 Conference, which focused on Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT), it became obvious that the Army has limited experience in performing certain types of operations in the specified environment, while the civilian law enforcement agencies have an abundance of exactly that type of experience. Where the Army may face challenges in this environment, the police may already have found solutions. Where the Army lacks intelligence such as weapons effects in multi-dwelling or commercial building structures, the police have collected large amounts of data on precisely that. While the police certainly would not have all of the requisite data for the Army to use, an acceptable database, which can be used as a foundation to build upon, is readily available and should be used.

With all of the above information in hand, and a tasking description in hand, a Plan of Action (POA) was developed (Army – Law Enforcement Training & Operations Assimilation / Sharing; V1.1, 12/3/01). Within that POA, three objectives were delineated along with five goal steps and ten detailed operating steps enabling us to reach the goals and secure the objectives. The following is a review of each of those items and where we are now in accomplishing them.

Since the detail steps support the goal steps and the goal steps support the objectives, that is the order in which they will be reviewed.

Review of POA Detail Steps

The POA delineated the detail steps as:

- Draft and mail out initial contact letter to Administrative, Training and Operational commanders of the state police agencies in the six target states as specified in item **3.3** above.
- **4.2** Develop ATTIC-LE contact database to correspond with initial contact list
- **4.3** Update ATTIC-LE contact database to reflect responses, interest and support offered.
- **4.3.1** Develop presentation materials (booklet/pamphlet, PowerPoint presentation, etc.) specific to each branch of the police organizations (administrative, training or operations) for delivery upon identification of significant interest.
- Analyze responses, after further communications, to determine most appropriate choices for selection to the "working group" (designation and acronym to be developed).
- **4.5** Draft and mail out invitations to selected participants.
- **4.5.1** Draft and mail out requests for cooperation/support to command staff of those specified in item 4.5 above.
- **4.5.2** Identify representatives for Army and Army National Guard to working group as specified in item 4.4 above.
- **4.6** Develop introductory materials (booklet/pamphlet, PPT, etc.) for dissemination to working group as specified in item 4.4 above.
- 4.7 Schedule and Host first work group session (target date for this action NLT 4/15/01)

Let us review each step and our accomplishment of same:

- 4.1: Initial efforts to draft and mail out original contact letters to commanders of administrative, training and operational section of law enforcement agencies proved inefficient. All commands in the police or sheriff's departments answered to the senior administrative official. As a result, after the first round of initial contact letters were mailed out, efforts were streamlined so that only the senior law enforcement official (Chief of Police or Sheriff) was being contacted. That agency head would then roll our contact down his/her Chain of Command appropriately. The initial contact letter was reviewed and approved for use in December, 2001. In stages, via the United States Postal Service and in electronic mail format where feasible, more than three hundred and thirty-five (335) original contact letters have been distributed to date. That three hundred and thirty-five includes every state, county, regional, and municipal police agency which met the size requirement as delineated in the Statement of Work. Additionally, though some of the county sheriff's agencies did not meet the size requirement they were included by necessity of protocol. In some instances where a number of non-qualified agencies could be collectively represented by a single entity, such as a training academy or other organization, then the academy/organization was contacted and is considered as representing those numerous smaller agencies. In this manner we have originally contacted the administrative, training and operational leaders of more than fifteen hundred (1500) police agencies in the specified target area.
- 4.2 Corresponding to the initial contact letter mail out, a database of contact information was developed. As responses began to come in, it became obvious that a number of agencies were either not interested in participating in ATTIC LE/MOUT efforts or were taking extended amounts of time to examine perceived costs vs. benefits.

Taking that into consideration, it was recognized that the database, developed in this manner, would contain contact information for a great many agencies who were not going to be participating in our efforts. Therefore, after the first round of mailings was completed, the database was maintained based on reply instead of original contact. The original contact list is maintained and on file in hard copy (reference list included in final section of this paper). Currently the database includes more than two hundred contacts, but this will be filtered down to less than one hundred (current estimate) after all agencies have responded. Some of the contacted agencies have responded and those responses are uniformly in strong support of, and expressing great interest in, ATTIC LE/MOUT efforts.

- 4.3 Explanation of 4.2 reveals that this step has been incorporated above. This deletes redundant work efforts and streamlines the database maintenance process.
- 4.3.1 A powerpoint presentation and accompanying white paper were produced to adequately express, to interested law enforcement officials, ATTIC's history, the initiative to incorporate law enforcement needs, and our progress to date.
- As a result of common responses from interested police agencies, respective levels of interest are being displayed and noted. Many agencies freely support neighboring agencies in their methods of supporting, or participating in, ATTIC LE/MOUT efforts. Currently (4/17/02) forty-four agencies on the original contact list have responded in a positive fashion and two agencies have "spontaneously" joined the ATTIC LE/MOUT initiative. At the time of this writing, ATTIC2002 is being planned for June, 2002 and is to include a workgroup encouraging law enforcement involvement. Respondents to ATTIC2002 invitations may be a good basis for an ATTIC LE/MOUT workgroup composed almost entirely of law enforcement representatives.

- 4.5 See 4.4 above. All agency representatives who have responded and expressed interest will be invited to ATTIC2002.
- 4.5.1 As a result of events unfolding, this is integrated in 4.4 and 4.5 above.
- 4.5.2 During briefs with different commands of the Army, and as a result of contacts made with various Army National Guard members during the course of this project, a productive list of representatives from these organizations is easily created and will continue to evolve between now and the time an invitation list is created for ATTIC2002.
- 4.6 This introductory materials (preread for ATTIC2002) can be the same materials as described in item 4.3.1 above. It is fully developed and available via electronic mail, CD-ROM, or via the ATTIC site on the Internet. That information is easily accessible to law enforcement representatives to review and understand prior to attending ATTIC2002 and participating in the specified workgroup at that time.
- 4.7 In lieu of hosting an independent law enforcement work group session, the detailed law enforcement oriented workgroup at ATTIC2002 has been substituted. This is a much better method of operation as it will allow the law enforcement representatives in attendance to interact with their military counterparts and more efficiently discover/develop common interests, goals and operational standards.

Review Goal Steps

The POA delineated the Perceived Necessary Goal Steps as:

- **3.1 Step 1:** Ascertain which police departments are interested in developing this working relationship, and capable of providing the greatest resources to the Army.
- **3.2 Step 2:** Develop a "communications grid" which allows efficient communication of ideas and feedback between the two communities at all levels: command, management and operations, and in both the training and the operational command structures.
- **3.3 Step 3:** Hold initial coordination meeting(s) by state in the original target areas of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia) to develop a universally agreed upon working group to represent the interests of the states involved. This may be done by phone or email as appropriate.
- **3.4 Step 4:** Identify recognized, or specified, representational authority for the Army and the Army National Guard, and other involved agencies (STRICOM, TRADOC, ATIP, etc).
- **3.5 Step 5:** Integrate the two working groups identified in Steps 3 & 4 above into a single body which will have the responsibility of analyzing common interests and goals, working toward the end result of making reality the three objectives stated in section 1.0 Objectives.

Goal Step 1 would be accomplished by two things: 1) the original contact, initiated by the ATTIC LE/MOUT lead, via letter or electronic mail and 2) the active response of interested agencies. To date, all original contact letters/emails have been sent. A number of replies have already been received and are being collated for integration into the database. Although additional replies may continue to be received, our greatest growth will now probably come from "spontaneous" contacts resulting from word-of-mouth information passed along and website hits.

Goal Step 2 is going to be accomplished through a mix of communications tools. An electronic mail newsletter, a list server and the use of notification trees which will grow into use as participating agencies are identified and rated by interest and support levels. The list server is already in existence and will continue to grow as more responses are received.

Goal Step 3 is most probably going to be replaced by agency participation in ATTIC2002. There may still be an opportunity for multiple agencies to be represented by a single individual, but this will be the result of their own efforts as they recognize shared potential for their given regions.

Goal Step 4 has already been accomplished. The representatives for various Army commands are those who regularly participate in ATTIC conferences. Further work is being pursued toward the identification of appropriate representatives from the Army National Guard. Once those individuals have been identified they will be added to the list serve and any electronic mail newsletter that might develop.

Goal Step 5 will be accomplished at ATTIC2002. During the workgroup session(s) specifically designed to instigate and enhance law enforcement involvement, those agency representatives will be able to meet and work with their Army / Army National Guard counterparts.

Review of Objectives

POA delineated the three primary objectives as:

- 2.1 Objective 1: To develop an efficient communications network between the command structures of the Army, the Army National Guard and the civilian law enforcement authorities, which may be overlaid by, or used in conjunction with, other public safety agencies such as fire departments or emergency management organizations.
- 2.2 Objective 2: Develop a common understanding, between the two communities, of operational parameters employed by the Army, the Army National Guard and all levels of civilian police units during normal, crisis and emergency operating conditions.
- 2.3 Objective 3: Integrate, as seamlessly as possible, Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain and related training programs with police training programs, where the training objectives are similar or identical and where training resources can be shared.

The accomplishment of Objective 1 is in development. By using the Internet, electronic mail and list serve technology, all law enforcement agencies who choose to participate in, and actively support, ATTIC efforts will be constantly updated regarding issues and progress. Once this communications "grid" is working efficiently, additional agencies which can benefit from participation will be easily added.

Objectives 2 & 3 will take longer to realize, but strong first steps have already been accomplished. As the law enforcement representatives begin a deeper involvement with ATTIC initiatives through their participation in ATTIC2002, discussions regarding common objectives, shared by the civilian law enforcement community (CLE) and the Army / Army National Guard will make themselves apparent. Those common objectives, whether they are administrative, training or operational in nature, once identified, will be focused on and developed. This process, once begun with the guidance of the ATTIC team, should grow and evolve of its own accord.

Objective 3 delineated six specific types of data necessary for the CLE and Army communities to efficiently develop integrated operating standards. Of the six, ATTIC efforts have already taken steps in procuring civilian data for military use for two (weapons effects, and policy exchange) and identified proper civilian contacts for the remaining four. The four data types not currently being pursued are those which are considered location specific, though general data might prove useful and will be pursued as priorities permit.

On May 8th there is a meeting scheduled between two Sheriff's and a National Guard Commander regarding an initiative in Southern Maryland to share training between the local National Guard unit, a Combat Engineering company, and the Sheriffs' Special Operations team members. This concept has been strongly supported by the four potential Sheriffs' agencies involved and has received tacit approval from the National Guard unit Commander. The National Guard Unit Commander has stated that he is willing to support the Sheriffs' agencies by sharing training, but is hindered by State regulations. The May 8th meeting is intended to secure a draft letter to the Governor of Maryland requesting a modification of regulations to permit this training interaction.

Civilian Law Enforcement Agency Original Contact List by State

*Items in **BLUE BOLD** have already responded in a positive manner: (44 responses to original contact letters as of April 17, 2002: two spontaneous contacts).

Virginia

Accomack County Sheriff Albemarle County Sheriff Alexandria City Police Alleghany County Sheriff Amelia County Sheriff **Amherst County Sheriff** Appomattox County Sheriff **Arlington County Police Arlington County Sheriff** Augusta County Sheriff **Bath County Sheriff Bedford County Sheriff** Blacksburg City Police **Bland County Sheriff Botetourt County Sheriff Bristol City Police Brunswick County Sheriff Buchanan County Sheriff Buckingham County Sheriff** Campbell County Sheriff Caroline County Sheriff Carroll County Sheriff **Charlotte County Sheriff Charlottesville City Police** Chesapeake City Police Chesterfield County Police Chesterfield County Sheriff Chincoteague City Police Clarke County Sheriff

Craig County Sheriff Culpeper City Police Culpeper County Sheriff **Cumberland County Sheriff** Damascus City Police **Dickenson County Sheriff** Dinwiddie County Sheriff Elkton City Police **Essex County Sheriff Fairfax City Police** Fairfax County Police Fairfax County Sheriff **Falls Church City Police** Fauguier County Sheriff Floyd County Sheriff Fluvana County Sheriff Franklin County Sheriff Frederick County Sheriff Fredericksburg City Police Front Royal City Police Giles County Sheriff Gloucester County Sheriff Goochland County Sheriff **Grayson County Sheriff** Greene County Sheriff Greensville County Sheriff Halifax City Police Halifax County Sheriff **Hampton City Police**

Hanover County Sheriff

Henrico County Sheriff

Henry County Sheriff Herndon City Police

Highland County Sheriff

Isle of Wight County Sheriff

James City County Police

King & Queen County Sheriff

King George County Sheriff

King William County Sheriff

Lancaster County Sheriff

Lee County Sheriff

Leesburg City Police

Loudoun County Sheriff

Louisa County Sheriff

Lunenburg County Sheriff

Lynchburg City Police

Madison County Sheriff

Manassas City Police

Manassas Park City Police

Martinsville City Police

Mathews County Sheriff

Mecklenburg County Sheriff

Metro. Wash. Airports Auth. Police

Middlesex County Sheriff

Montgomery County Sheriff

Nelson County Sheriff

New Kent County Sheriff

Newport News City Police New River CJT Academy

Norfolk International Airport Police

Norfolk City Police

Northampton County Sheriff

Northunberland County Sheriff

Nottoway County Sheriff

Occoquan City Police

Orange City Police

Orange County Sheriff

Page County Sheriff

Patrick County Sheriff

Pittsylvania County Sheriff

Portsmouth City Police

Powhatan County Sheriff

Prince Edward County Sheriff

Prince George Police

Prince George County Sheriff

Prince William County Police

Prince William County Sheriff

Pulaski County Sheriff

Quantico City Police

Rappahannock County Sheriff

Richmond City Police

Richmond City Sheriff

Richmond County Sheriff

Roanoke City Police

Roanoke County Sheriff

Roanoke County Police

Rockbridge County Sheriff

Rockingham County Sheriff

Rocky Mount City Police

Russell County Sheriff

Salem City Police

Scott County Sheriff

Shenandoah County Sheriff

Smyth County Sheriff

Southampton County Sheriff

Southwest L.E. Academy

Spotsylvania County Sheriff

Stafford County Sheriff

Suffolk City Police

Surry County Sheriff

Sussex County Sheriff

Tazewell County Sheriff

Vienna City Police

Virginia Beach City Police

Virginia DCJS

Virginia State Police

Warren County Sheriff

Warrenton City Police

Washington County Sheriff

Waynesboro City Police

Waynesbord City Folice

Westmoreland county Sheriff

Williamsburg City Police

Winchester City Police

Wise County Sheriff

Wythe County Sheriff

wythe County Sherii

York County Sheriff

West Virginia

Barbour County Sheriff Berkeley County Sheriff **Boone County Sheriff Braxton County Sheriff Brooke County Sheriff** Cabell County Sheriff Calhoun County Sheriff Charleston City Police Clay County Sheriff **Doddridge County Sheriff** Gilmer County Sheriff **Grant County Sheriff Greenbrier County Sheriff** Hampshire County Sheriff Hancock County Sheriff Hardy County Sheriff Harrison County Sheriff Jackson County Sheriff Jefferson County Sheriff Kanawha County Sheriff Lewis County Sheriff Lincoln County Sheriff Logan County Sheriff Marion County Sheriff **Marshall County Sheriff** Mason County Sheriff **Mercer County Sheriff** Mineral County Sheriff Mingo County Sheriff Monongalia County Sheriff Monroe County Sheriff Morgan County Sheriff NCLETTC Nicholas County Sheriff **Ohio County Sheriff OLETC**

Pendleton County Sheriff
Pleasants County Sheriff
Pocahontas County Sheriff
Preston County Sheriff
Putnam County Sheriff
Raleigh County Sheriff
Randolph County Sheriff
Ritchie County Sheriff

Roane County Sheriff
Summers County Sheriff
Taylor county Sheriff
Tyler County Sheriff
Upshur County Sheriff
Wayne County Sheriff
Webster County Sheriff
West Virginia State Police
Wetzel County Sheriff
Wirt County Sheriff
Wood County Sheriff
Wyoming County Sheriff

Pennsylvania

Abington Township Police Allegheny County Police Allegheny County Sheriff Allentown City Police Altoona City Police Bensalem Township Police Bethlehem City Police **Braddock Boro Police Bristol Township Police** Carbondale City Police Cheltenham Township Police **Chester City Police** Darby Boro Police **Dunmore Boro Police** Easton City Police **Erie City Police** Falls Township Police Hanover Township Police Harrisburg Police Haverford Township Police Hazleton Police Horsham Township Police **Johnstown City Police Lancaster County Police** Lebanon City Police Lower Merion Township Police Lower Paxton Township Police Manheim Township Police McKeesport City Police Middleton Township Police Millcreek Township Police Monroeville Police Mt. Lebanon Township Police Municipal Officers Education & Training **New Caste City Police** Norristown Boro Police Northampton Township Police Northern York Regional Police

Penn Hills Township Police

Pennsylvania State Police
Philadelphia City Police
Pittsburgh City Police
Plymouth Township Police

Penn State Police

Radnor Township Police Reading City Police Scranton City Police State College Boro Police Stroud Area Regional Police **Temple Campus Police** Tredyffrin Township Police U. of Pennsylvania Police U. of Pittsburgh Police Upper Darby Township Police Upper Dublin Township Police Upper Merion Township Police Upper Moreland Township Police Warminster Township Police West Chester Boro Police Whitehall Township Police Wilkes Barre City Police Williamsport City Police **York City Police**

Maryland

Aberdeen Police

Allegany County Sheriff

Annapolis Police

Anne Arundel County Police

Anne Arundel County Sheriff

Baltimore City Police

Baltimore City Sheriff

Baltimore County Police

Baltimore County Sheriff

Calvert County Sheriff

Cambridge City Police

Caroline County Sheriff

Carroll County Sheriff

Cecil County Sheriff

Charles County Sheriff

Chesapeake City Police

Cumberland City Police

Denton City Police

Dorchester County Sheriff

Easton City Police

Elkton City Police

Frederick City Police

Frederick County Sheriff

Frostburg City Police

Gaithersburg City Police

Garrett County Sheriff

Greenbelt City Police

Hagerstown City Police

Harford County Sheriff

Howard County Police

Howard County Sheriff

Hyattsville City Police

Kent County Sheriff

Laurel City Police

Maryland Natural Resources Police

Maryland State Police

MNCPPC-Montgomery County Police

MNCPPC-PG County Police

MD Police Training Commission

Montgomery County Police

Montgomery County Sheriff

Ocean City Police

Pocomoke City Police

Prince George's County Police

Prince George's County Sheriff

Queen Anne's County Sheriff

Rockville City Police

Salisbury City Police

Somerset County Sheriff

St. Mary's County Sheriff

Takoma Park Police

Talbot County Sheriff

Wicomico County Sheriff

Worcester County Sheriff

New Jersey

Atlantic City Police

Burlington Township Police
Hamilton Township Police
Long Hill Township Police
Mahwah Police
Monmouth County Sheriff
Morris County Sheriff
New Jersey State Police
Ridgewood Police
West Orange Police
Woodbridge Township Police

Delaware

Delaware River & Bay Auth. Police Delaware State Police Dover Police New Castle County Police Newark Police Wilmington Police

Washington DC

Metro. Transit Police Metro Airports Auth. Police Washington Metropolitan Police

Spontaneous Agency Interest

Winston-Salem (NC) Police Warren County (OH) Sheriff